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Chairman Douglas Bosco
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Attention: Su Corbaley

RE: Trinidad Pier Reconstruction Project

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing to express my support for the **Trinidad Pier Reconstruction Project** (Project) being proposed by the Cher-ae Heights Indian Community of the Trinidad Rancheria (Tribe) for funding consideration by the Coastal Conservancy

Reconstruction of the pier will substantially improve the environmental quality in an 'Area of Special Biological Interest' and economic development opportunities for the Tribe, the commercial fishermen and the greater Trinidad community who use the facility. I understand that all planning, design work and permitting have been completed for the Project.

I believe the Project to be one of extreme importance to the Tribe, the community of Trinidad, and the regional Humboldt County economy. Additionally, the project, when completed, will support and enhance the long term environmental needs of the California coastline. I am pleased to have this opportunity to extend my strong support for the Trinidad Pier Reconstruction Project.

Sincerely,

Pat Wiggins
PATRICIA WIGGINS
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October 14, 2010

Doug Bosco, Chair
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

ATTN: Su Corbaley, Project Manager

RE: Trinidad Pier Reconstruction Project

Chairman Bosco:

I am write this letter in support of the Trinidad Pier Reconstruction Project as proposed by the Cher-Ae Heights Indian Community of the Trinidad Rancheria for funding consideration by the State Coastal Conservancy.

The project will enable the Tribe to correct the structural deficiencies of the pier, reduce non-point source pollution and improve utilities for the benefit of the public. The Tribe is also partnering with the City of Trinidad to address other non-point source contaminants in the waters of Trinidad. One of only 34 coastal areas designated as an *Area of Special Biological Significance*.

Additionally, reconstruction of the pier will improve the economic development opportunities for the Tribe, the commercial fishermen who use the facility and the greater Trinidad community. The Pier's restaurant, boat launching facilities, gift shop and other commercial properties will also see economic benefit from the completed project.

I believe this project to be one of extreme importance to the Tribe and the community of Trinidad that will provide long term environmental and economic benefits. I urge you to approve the Che-Ae Heights Indian Community's request for funding.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

WESLEY CHESBRO
Assemblyman, 1st District

cc: Jacque Hostler, CEO Trinidad Rancheria

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November 10, 2010

Doug Bosco, Chair
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

RE: Trinidad Pier Reconstruction Project

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing in support of the Trinidad Pier Reconstruction Project as proposed by the Cher-Ae Heights Indian Community of the Trinidad Rancheria.

The proposed project will enable the Tribe to undertake repair of structural deficiencies of the pier, reduce nonpoint source pollution and improve utilities for the benefit of the public. The Tribe is also partnering with the City of Trinidad to address other non-point source contaminants in the waters of Trinidad. One of only 34 coastal areas designated as an *Area of Special Biological Significance*.

Additionally, reconstruction of the pier will improve the economic development opportunities for the Tribe, the commercial fishermen who use the facility and the greater Trinidad community. The Pier's restaurant, boat launching facilities, gift shop and other commercial properties will also see economic benefit from the completed project.

I wholeheartedly support the project and urge the Coastal Conservancy's favorable consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Thompson".

MIKE THOMPSON
Member of Congress

MT:lm



HOOPA VALLEY TRIBAL COUNCIL
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November 10, 2010

Doug Bosco, Chair
ATTN: Su Corbaley, Project Manager
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

RE: Trinidad Pier Reconstruction Project

Dear Mr. Bosco:

This letter of support from the Hoopa Valley Tribe is to demonstrate support for our fellow Humboldt County tribal government and the transportation project entitled "Trinidad Pier Reconstruction Project" proposed by Trinidad Rancheria.

The Trinidad Rancheria pier reconstruction project is an exciting foray into maritime business opportunities that tie into regional growth and goods movement. In California, this is a rarity for a tribe to be able to develop a coastal business opportunity that includes a pier and related facilities. Trinidad is no novice in developing economic activity as demonstrated by their renowned Sunset Restaurant and the robust Cher-Ae Heights Casino. The Hoopa Valley Tribe has always supported tribal self-determination and self-governance at all levels of government interaction especially economic self-sufficiency. In addition, the pier project supports economic endeavors proposed by Trinidad Rancheria and any number of its regional partners, tribal or otherwise.

The Hoopa Valley Tribe works closely with many private and public partners to coordinate transportation modes within our tribal lands to develop short- and long-range strategies for an integrated and balanced multimodal goods-movement system. The Trinidad Rancheria is a critical tribal partner regarding future expansion of maritime transportation opportunities to meet projected tribal and regional needs.

Trinidad Rancheria's access to the coast and to the bay will serve as a tent pole to draw in goods movement, tourism, and other regional maritime interests into the fold. Notwithstanding the established historical relevance of the Trinidad Pier and its history steeped in maritime transportation, fishing, and logging, the pier is well known locally and throughout the state. Images of Trinidad's lighthouse and pier are often seen in

postcards, works of art, and websites to represent Northern California landmarks. The Hoopa Valley Tribe recognizes that maritime improvement projects will both modernize infrastructure and revitalize the pier leading to improved socio-economic conditions locally and increase benefits to goods-movement throughout our region while contributing towards expanded statewide efforts. Tribal projects, which may be overlooked at a regional level, have statewide interest when they involve a state highway and governmental partners looking to build such linkages.

Although the Hoopa Valley Tribe's transportation planning documents do not specifically identify the Trinidad Pier by name, Hoopa constantly looks at all venues for goods movement through the region and inter-regionally. In addition, the 2008 Humboldt County Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) include policies supporting maritime projects throughout the Humboldt County region.

If we can provide any additional information to ensure the inclusion of the Trinidad Rancheria's project in funding plans, please do not hesitate to contact me at 530-625-4017. Thank you for your favorable consideration of this request and your leadership in recognizing that the Trinidad Pier is an asset too valuable to pass up.

Sincerely,



Warren Tamerius, Planner/Office Manager

cc: Congressman Mike Thompson
State Senator Pat Wiggins
Assembly Member Wesley Chesbro
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October 28, 2010

Doug Bosco, Chair
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

ATTN: Su Corbaley, Project Manager

RE: Trinidad Pier Reconstruction Project

Dear Mr Bosco,


On behalf of the Humboldt County Association of Governments (HCAOG), I am pleased to submit this letter in support of the Trinidad Pier Reconstruction Project as proposed by the Cher-Ae Heights Indian Community of the Trinidad Rancheria for funding consideration. As the regional transportation agency for Humboldt County, HCAOG works closely with multiple public and private partners to coordinate transportation projects in the region. With representatives on HCAOG's Technical Advisory Committee, the Trinidad Rancheria and HCAOG have and will continue to work cooperatively to improve the transportation system in the region. HCAOG appreciates this opportunity to extend its full support of the Rancheria's efforts associated with the reconstruction project that will greatly improve this important economic, cultural and historical landmark in the region.

The project will enable the Tribe to correct the structural deficiencies of the pier, reduce nonpoint source pollution and improve utilities for the benefit of the public. The Tribe is also partnering with the City of Trinidad to address other non-point source contaminants in the waters of Trinidad. One of only 34 coastal areas designated as an *Area of Special Biological Significance*.

Additionally, reconstruction of the pier will improve the economic development opportunities for the Tribe, the commercial fishermen who use the facility and the greater Trinidad community. The Pier's restaurant, boat launching facilities, gift shop and other commercial properties will also see economic benefit from the completed project. The Trinidad area is a key visitor destination in our region. If you have not visited the area, I highly recommend it for your next vacation.

I believe this project to be one of extreme importance not only to the Tribe and the community of Trinidad, but to the entire Humboldt region. The proposed project will provide long term environmental and economic benefits. I am pleased to have this opportunity to extend my strong support for the project. If I can provide any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully,



Marcella Clem
Interim Executive Director



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November 3, 2010

Doug Bosco, Chair
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

ATTN: Su Corbaley, Project Manager

Subject : Trinidad Pier Reconstruction Project

Dear Mr Bosco,

On behalf of the entire City Council, I am pleased to offer this letter in support of the Trinidad Pier Reconstruction Project as proposed by the Cher-Ae Heights Indian Community of the Trinidad Rancheria for funding consideration by the State Coastal Conservancy.

The project will enable the Tribe to correct the structural deficiencies of the pier, reduce nonpoint source pollution and improve utilities for the benefit of the public. The Tribe is also partnering with the City of Trinidad to address other non-point source contaminants in the waters of Trinidad. One of only 34 coastal areas designated as an *Area of Special Biological Significance*.

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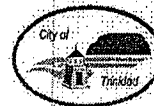
Respectfully,

Alexandra Stillman
Mayor

CITY OF TRINIDAD

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Steve Albright, City Manager



November 10, 2010

Jacque Hostler, Chief Executive Officer of the Trinidad Rancheria
Cher-Ae Heights Indian Community
of the Trinidad Rancheria

Dear Ms. Hostler:

The City of Trinidad is pleased to support the Trinidad Rancheria's efforts to secure funding to complete the reconstruction of the Trinidad Pier. Specifically, the City has also had the pleasure of partnering with the California Coastal Conservancy with projects in the recent past, and both the Conservancy Board and staff have been exceptionally cooperative in assisting the City in financially addressing our shared goals.

The Trinidad Pier reconstruction project is of vital importance to the City of Trinidad. Rebuilding the pier will address two important local goals. First, the small City has been extremely aggressive in its efforts to address water quality in Trinidad Bay, which has been identified as a nationally important Area of Special Biological Significance (ASBS). Removal of the old pier and replacement with a more modern facility will be a huge step in addressing that goal. Second, while the local fishing industry may not be as dominant as it once was, both commercial and tourism fishing remains a key component of the local economy. The pier has always been an important historic and cultural part of Trinidad, and its existence and replacement is a major concern to this community's residents and the people who regularly use the pier.

I am sure that I speak for the entire Trinidad City Council in supporting your application for funding to the California Coastal Conservancy.

Sincerely,

Stephen Albright, City Manager

cc: Trinidad City Council Members